Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Monday 11 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Tuesday 12 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 11 Dec 2023 at 03:49 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high, but lower for cloud details on Monday and rain and snow levels on Tuesday.

Headline for Monday 11 Dec 2023: A drier brighter day with some sunny spells but cloud increasing in the east. Cold with summit gales possible in evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 11 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability					
10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	20%	20%

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Weather: A drier brighter day than of late with some sunny spells, the best over western Argyll and Lochaber. Then cloud increasing from the east to bring some hill fog and perhaps some rain and hill snow to Arran by midnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% in early hours rising to 80% by daybreak and through daylight hours in west, lowering to 20% in Trossachs during the afternoon and remaining areas in evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Cloud at 450-750m in east overnight clearing by morning but returning from the east later in the day reaching most areas in the evening. By day visibility away from cloud mostly good, but reducing in the Trossachs in the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	19/23 E	17/22 E	15/19 E	13/18 E	22/30 E	25/34 E	27/37 E
900	16/22 E	16/21 E	15/19 E	14/20 E	19/28 SE	22/32 SE	24/35 SE
600	19/22 NE	19/22 NE	16/20 E	13/17 E	15/22 SE	21/30 SE	22/32 SE
300	9/12 N	8/12 N	6/9 NE	4/6 SE	8/14 SE	15/27 E	15/28 E
Glen	7/17 NE	6/15 NE	6/14 NE	7/16 NE	7/16 NE	8/17 NE	9/19 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-3/-10	-2/-9	-2/-8	-3/-9	-4/-12	-4/-12	-3/-12
900	-1/-7	-1/-7	-1/-6	-1/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8
600	2/-4	2/-4	2/-3	2/-2	2/-2	3/-2	4/-2
300	4/0	3/0	3/1	3/2	3/0	3/-1	4/-1
Glen	5/2	4/2	5/3	4/2	4/1	4/1	4/1
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	700m	800m	800m	700m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note deteriorating conditions after dark.

Forecast for Tuesday 12 Dec 2023
Weather: Cloudy with occasional rain, with snow above 750-900m. This quite heavy over the Trossachs, light and patchy towards the west coast.

Maximum wind: Easterly 35 gusts 50mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% or less for most of area, but 50% in western Lochaber.

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud 500-750m bringing hill fog but bases higher in sheltered west. Visibility below cloud, good during dry spells in west, but generally moderate to poor.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius in south, 0 in north.
Freezing level: 900m in south, 800m in north.

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